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SUBJ: PLANNED PROTEST MARCH AGAINST CONTINUED US PRESENCE AT INCIRLIK CDI

SUMMARY: PRESS REPORTS THAT REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS IN CUKUROVA AREA HAVE ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR A PROTEST MARCH AGAINST CONTINUED

AMERICAN OPERATIONS AND PRESENCE AT ICDI. AT SAME TIME, POSTERS

IN SUPPORT OF EFFORT WERE DISTRIBUTED IN ADANA, BUT QUICKLY REMOVED

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BY POLICE. ADANA POLICE HAVE ASSURED CONSULATE THEY WILL PREVENT ANY MARCH. END SUMMARY.

1. ON 20 AUG LOCALLY CIRCULATED YENI ADANA AND ON 21 AUG NATIONALLY CIRCULATED CUMHURIYET REPORTED THAT REVOLUTIONARY ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CUKUROVA REGION PLANNED A MARCH PROTESTING CONTINUED AMERICAN OPERATIONS AT INCIRLIK CDI. REPORTS STATE THAT THE BIG MARCH IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE ADANA, MERSIN, ISKENDERUN, AND TARSUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS TO URGE THAT INCIRLIK BE TAKEN OVER

BY TURKEY AND THE AMERICANS BE DEPORTED. THE MARCH IS PLANNED TO START THE LATTER THREE CITIES ON 26 AUG AND TERMINATE IN ADANA ON 30 AUG, WITH MEETINGS HELD AT TOWNS ENROUTE. IN ADANA A BIG MEETING IS PLANNED FOR 30 AUG.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARCH, POSTERS WERE HUNG IN ADANA ON 20 AUG, BEARING THE SIGNATURE OF A KEMAL DEMIREL, UNDER THE TITLE PRESIDENT OF THE ADANA PEOPLE'S UNITY ORGANIZATION. THE POSTERS, WHICH WERE REMOVED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BY THE POLICE AND APPARENTLY ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION, READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: TODAY ARMS ARE STILL BEING SENT TO INCIRLIK. NEW ARMS ARE BEING BROUGHT TO REPLACE THE OLD ONES WHICH WERE TAKEN AWAY. THE AMOUNT OF THESE WEAPONS IS RATHER LARGE. INCIRLIK AIR BASE IS STILL IN OPERATION.

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THE ENTERTAINMENT SPOTS AND CLUBS ARE OPEN FOR AMERICANS. AMERICANS ARE STILL WALKING IN OUT TOWN UNRESTRAINED. IN SHORT, NOTHING IS CHANGED. THE PRO-AMERICAN FRONT GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DECEIVE THE PUBLIC BY LYING THAT INCIRLIK IS A NATO INSTALLATION, JUST TO PREVENT THE PUBLIC FROM GETTING UNEASY. THEY ARE TRYING TO HIDE FROM THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE REAL BOSS OF NATO IS AMERICA. THE SECRET AND OPEN BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE STILL IN FORCE. UNQTE. 3. THE CONSULATE HAS DISCUSSED THE ANNOUNCED PROTEST MARCH WITH THE ADANA CHIEF OF POLICE, WHO ASSURES US THAT ALL NECESSARY STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT IT. OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADANA PEOPLE'S UNITY ASSOCIATION, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. LIKE OURSELVES, ALL KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS WHOM WE HAVE CONTACTED HAD NEVER BEFORE HEARD OF THE ORGANIZATION.

4. COMMENT: IN VIEW CONTINUING CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CONSULATE AND USAF COMMANDERS AT INCIRLIK ON THE ONE HAND, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ON THE OTHER, WE ARE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT PROSPECTS OF SERIOUS ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS HERE AT THIS TIME. WE DO NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT ASIDE FROM A FEW ISOLATED ANTI-US GRAFFITI, THIS IS THE FIRST OUTWARD MANIFESTATION OF LOCAL RESENTMENT OVER CONTINUED AMERICAN OPERATIONS AT INCIRLIK, END COMMENT.

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